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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Could not the difficulties enumerated have been anticipated by the Government before formulating the schemes?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The only thing is that the difficulties should have been anticipated by the Government of India. The scheme has been formulated by the Government of India on an all-India pattern but there are some States which are ahead of others and offer better facilities than what are offered under the scheme of the Government of India.

Development Blocks

* 83 *Q*.—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to form Development Blocks in coastal areas primarily for the welfare of the fishermen; and

(*b*) if so, the places where the blocks are proposed to be opened?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration): (*a*) A proposal for the formation of coastal blocks in the districts of Kanyakumari, Ramanathapuram and Tanjore for the development of coastal villages was considered by the Government and it was dropped in view of the practical difficulties involved.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI K. T. KOSALAM: What is the practical difficulty, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The State has been delimited into so many blocks under the Community Development and National Extension Service Schemes. This runs counter to that pattern. That is the difficulty.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: செங்கல்பட்டு, தென்னாற்காடு மாவட்டங்களில் உள்ள கடற்கரையோரப் பகுதிகளிலும் பல குப்பங்கள் மிகப் பிற்போக்கான நிலையில் இருப்பதனால், அங்கும் இம்முறையைப் பயன்படுத்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அங்கெல்லாம் வட்டார அபிவிருத்தித் திட்டம் நடைபெறுகிறது. அந்தமாதிரி இடங்களில் மீனவருக்கென்று ஒரு வட்டாரமாகப் பிரிக்க முடியாது.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to announce to the House that at a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee of the Council held at 3-30 p.m. on the 9th March 1960, it has been decided that the

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general discussion on the Budget for the year 1960–61 shall take place for 5 days on the 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th March 1960.

The Council will meet from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily and at 10 a.m. on the last three days, if necessary. The further programme of business will be decided later.

(2) NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that under rule 164 (1) and rule 173 (1) respectively of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following members to be the members of the Business Advisory Committee and the Committee on Government Assurances of the Council for one year with effect from 15th March 1960 :—

Business Advisory Committee

1. Hon. Chairman (*Chairman*).
2. The Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman.
3. Sri V. S. Balasundaram.
4. Srimathi Jothi Vencatachellum.
5. Sri V. K. Palaniswamy Gounder.
6. Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar.
7. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.
8. Sri Mohamed Raza Khan.
9 Sri L. S. Karayalar.

Committee on Government Assurances

1. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.
2. Sri S. P. Sivasubramanya Nadar.
3. Sri V. M. Surendram.
4. Sri M. Patanjali Sastri.
5. Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar.

Under rule 174 (1), I have nominated Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar to be the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"That, with reference to rule 154 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine Members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1960–61."